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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 10/802,906)
Filed: March 17, 2004)
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH)
LOCKING ELEMENT (AS AMENDED))

Confirmation No.: 5309

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 20, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendment to the Title begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 8-7-06